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RE: U.S. Serial No. 09/675,459 filed September 28, 2000
Title: Urinary Incontinence Device and Method of Making Same
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Examiner: Catharine L. Anderson - Group Art Unit 3761
Inventor: MaryAnn Zunker
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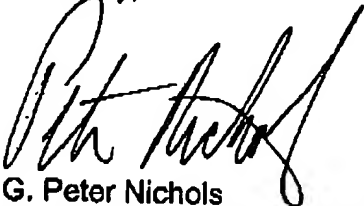
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Dear Examiner Anderson:

In reviewing the Notice of Allowability, I note that it was indicated that the Notice of Draftsperson's patent drawing review and the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance were attached to the Notice of Allowability. However, no such attachments were included with the mailed copy of the Notice of Allowance. In addition, I cannot find any such record in the electronic image file wrapper. Please advise whether such documents exist and, if so, please forward them to the undersigned.

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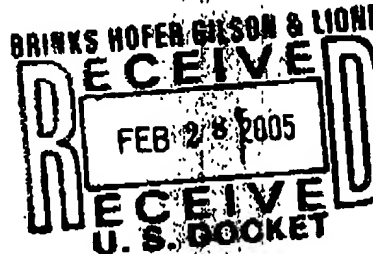


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TITLE OF INVENTION: URINARY INCONTINENCE DEVICE AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

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Application No.

09/675,459

Applicant(s)

ZUNKER, MARYANN

Examiner

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C. Lynne Anderson

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.


1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response dated 9 August 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 September 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____
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Attachment(s)

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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
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